

Salvadoran woman protests treatment at McGill

Racism in admissions?

by Robert Steiner

A Salvadoran woman is accusing McGill's Admissions Department of racism after allegedly being denied an entrance application form last month.

In a letter sent to McGill's ombudsman the day after the incident, Celina Hasbun said she was told by admissions officers that she had neither high enough marks nor enough English to bother applying for a social work program. She is, meanwhile, a graduate of an English high school in Belize and has completed one year of study at South Western University in Louisiana.

Hasbun told the *Daily* that admissions officials also could not find transcripts she had sent in with an application to be a regular student last year. Hasbun needed the marks from them in order to fill out applications to Concordia for admittance next year.

The half-hour encounter brought her close to tears, she said.

Hasbun, who is also president of an aid group for Salvadoran women, had been encouraged to re-apply for a Bachelor of Social Work programme as a mature student by Social Work Professor Elizabeth Urtnowski. A professional degree in the field would widen her career choices, she was told.

Although Hasbun has spoken to neither the ombudsman nor admis-

sions officials since the incident, her letter, sent to both offices, prompted two cursory investigations. Admissions director Mariela Johansen showed the letter to her staff, but said that no one could remember speaking with Hasbun or telling anyone that they could not have a form. No further action could be taken as Hasbun did not provide the name of the official to whom she spoke.

"There may have been some kind of misunderstanding," she explained, "At that time people are very conscious of deadlines."

Admissions officer Kathy Mayhew added that she "couldn't see anyone turning down a student just like that. Officers often recommend upgrading in the case of low marks." She also suggested that Hasbun's previous university experience would prevent her from being admitted as anything but a transfer student.

Although admissions problems are dealt with by an independent appeal board, Ombudsman Professor Annette Werk said she did make sure admissions officials had received a copy of the letter.

"They were very concerned and really investigated the matter," she said, adding that she knew of no other problems of racism at the admissions office.

"I think that it's a very unfortunate but isolated incident. We should be conscious of it... but sometimes people ask questions

without meaning to be officious. My experiences with admissions have been very positive."

Professor Urtnowski also visited the admissions office after learning of the incident. She obtained a set of application forms for Hasbun. Hasbun, however, has decided not to apply to McGill.

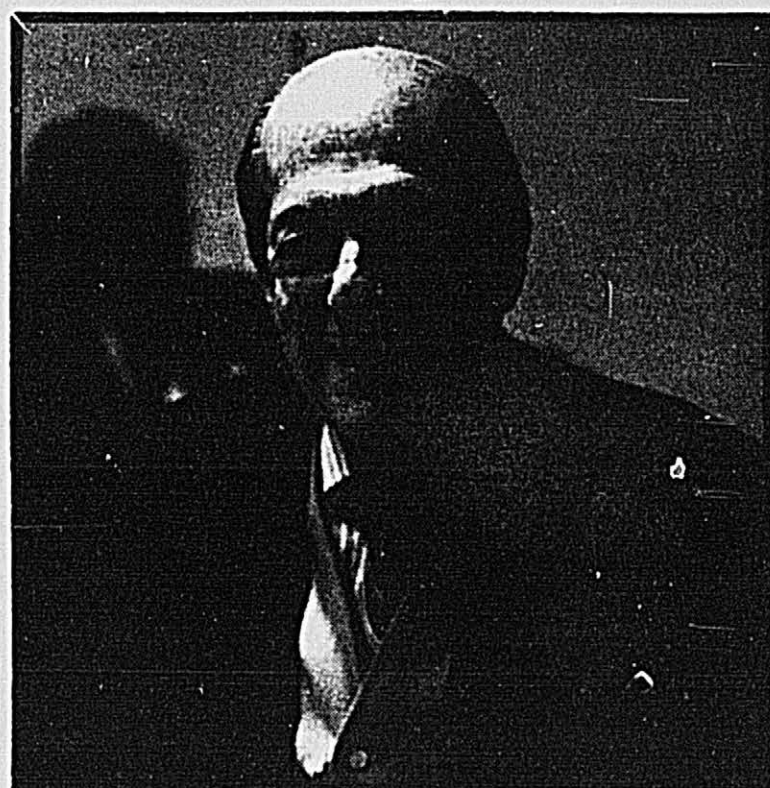
"I don't want anything to do with McGill," she said, "I wouldn't feel comfortable there."

Hasbun also said that she had heard other stories of racism at McGill from her friends.

This incident highlights widespread concerns that McGill has not made itself accessible enough to minority groups.

"The issue here could be that people from other cultures don't answer questions the way that we're used to," Urtnowski said,

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Prominent anti-Zionist Jew Dr. Alfred Lilienthal spoke at Concordia. See feature on page five.

Daily photo Heidi Hollinger

Human rights activist supports "death squad" allegations

Last chance for Mexican refugee

by Chris Lawson

The refugee appeal hearing of Zacarias Osorio Cruz finished yesterday with the testimony of Mexican human rights activist Antonio Hernandez Fernandez.

Fernandez had been prevented from boarding a plane to Montréal by Mexican government officials on Sunday and Monday.

Osorio is asking for refugee status in Canada after defecting from the Mexican army in 1982. As a member of the elite parachutist brigade, he went on numerous missions in Mexico to take political prisoners to the military prison at *Campo Militar Numero Uno* on the outskirts of Mexico City.

Osorio said he also took part in between 15 and 20 extra-judicial execution missions, under orders of the army high command.

Fernandez said Osorio's "physical integrity" would be in danger if he returned to Mexico. "His statements have put in danger the security of the Mexican state," he said.

"They confirm the illegality with which the army of the country is acting. Were he to return to Mexico, he would be great danger of being assassinated," he said.

Fernandez was himself 'disappeared' twice, in clandestine prisons in 1975 and in 1978. A former professor at the Autonomous University of the state of Guerrero, he devotes much of his time to work with the Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners, Disappeared and Exiled People of Mexico.

Osorio is the first soldier to denounce the Mexican military's involvement in political killings, according to Fernandez.

He said between 1978 and today there have been 543 fully documented cases of people who have been arrested by military or civilian Mexican authorities and then never seen again, dead or alive.

Fernandez confirmed Osorio's description of General José Hernandez Toledo (who signed the execution orders that Osorio's unit received). "You can locate the principle hot spots in the country if you

follow the footsteps of José Hernandez Toledo," he said.

The reputation of Osorio's unit, and the prison at *Campo Militar Numero Uno* is sinister, Fernandez said. "Every person arrested is threatened with being taken to this place."

In Mexico, people who are 'disappeared' are arrested and detained in clandestine prisons throughout the country, he said. They are tortured as a matter of course. A member of a political opposition group in 1975, Fernandez described his first experience of being 'disappeared'. He was riding on a bus near downtown Acapulco, when he was forced off at a roadblock by Mexican soldiers.

"As soon as I got off the bus they started beating me," he said. With his hands and feet tied, and blindfolded, he was taken to a military base and strip searched.

"They started torturing me and they told me I would be killed. After, they would point a gun to my head and pull the trigger," he said. He was then taken to a military installation near the sea and given

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Frontline apartheid confrontation

by Bernard Blander

An international project to promote youth solidarity with Southern Africa came to McGill last Tuesday as three residents of Southern Africa recounted the struggle of their countries to recover political and economic autonomy.

Gersen Uirab, David Imbili and Philip Dubé, three members of a delegation touring Canadian colleges and universities, spoke to about 30 people in the Stuart Biology auditorium on March 15. The project is aimed at developing a better understanding of the political consequences of apartheid, which extend beyond the boundaries of South Africa to many of the frontline states.

The Southern Africans are in Canada as a part of an exchange organized by the Carleton Anti-Apartheid Action Group and the McGill Southern Africa Committee (SAC). In January, four Canadian students toured Zimbabwe, Zambia and Mozambique for three weeks.

The speakers broached many topics of concern to Southern African nations including economic and social development, South Africa's policy of destabilization in the region and the foreign policies of Western nations.

Uirab and Imbili are from Namibia, which has been illegally occupied by South Africa since the end of World War I. They founded the Namibian National Students' Organization, and Uirab is presently an active member of the Youth League of the South West African People's Organization (SWAPO), which was recognized by the United Nations in 1973 as the sole legitimate representative body of the Namibian people.

Dubé is involved with the Organization of Collective Co-operatives of Zimbabwe. The co-operatives were formed after Zimbabwe's war for independence to promote economic development without further South African domination.

McGill student and SAC member Gwen Schulman participated in the exchange. She spent one week in

Mozambique during her tour, visiting schools, factories and farms.

According to Schulman, "It is very dangerous to travel around the country, but what we saw was impressive. People were fighting back, organized in peoples' militias, defending their factories, schools and farms. However it's not enough and that is where the international support has to come in, because there is only so much these peoples' militias can do." She added, "There is a war going on, even though it is not portrayed that way over here."

When independence was achieved in Angola and Mozambique in 1975 and in Zimbabwe in 1980, South Africa found its regional ambitions thwarted. "As a result, the people of Southern Africa today are facing aggression from South Africa," said Uirab.

Mozambique has been directly attacked by the South African Defence Forces and is perennially terrorized by the South African-backed Mozambican National Resistance. Post-independence gains

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responding to suggestions that admissions officials may just have asked Hasbun some standard questions to decide what form she would be given.

"McGill has turned us off—I've heard it more than once from minority and international students," she added.

Urtnowski was particularly concerned with the effect such incidents would have on a community already lacking enough qualified minority social workers.

David Alper, a friend of Hasbun's who encouraged her to write the letter of protest, feels that many questions remain unanswered by admissions officials.

"It sounds obvious that there was a misunderstanding, but the treatment Celina received was unacceptable," he said, "If it wasn't racism, it was obviously a tremendous amount of insensitivity that was shown."

Alper went on to suggest that if the "welcome mat is taken away

from the admissions office" students wouldn't feel comfortable at the university from day one.

"This is proof that McGill is still a very elitist institution," he concluded.

Hasbun is taking courses at Concordia this year as an independent student. Although admissions officers told her that a year at Concordia as a regular student could help her into McGill next year, she has decided to remain at Concordia.

Concordia offers no Bachelor of Social Work programme.

events

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Scrivener hosting an evening of poetry and music, Union Ballroom, 19h to midnight. Free. For info, 398-3654

McGill Caribbean Students' general elections, 18h, Union 107-8.

Video, Dialogue in Blood Documentary on Armenian Terrorism and its roots in the genocide, Union 401, 17h.

Theatresports, in 'Players' Theatre, 23h, \$1.

Saturday

Americans' Abroad second annual Chinatown Dinner Party. Info, 848-9680 or 731-2907

Sunday

Rainforest Productions hold Refugee Benefit, 3460 Stanley, 20h.

ERRATA

In Tuesday's 'Refugee claimant living in legal limbo' a couple of errors were made. Osorio joined the army in 1977, not 1979. Also, while refugee detention renewal hearings are held every 7 days under existing legislation, under Bill C55 they will be held every 28 days.

As well, the headline on Tuesday's Network Students' Association Hyde Park should have read "An open letter to all McGill students." Network's purpose is to commemorate the Camp David Peace Accord, not Israel's anniversary.

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New improved cruise adds fuel to debate

Vancouver (CUP)—The debate over whether the cruise missile is a first strike or retaliatory weapon has been raging on Canadian campuses for years, but new developments leave little room for dispute.

Many students who defend testing of the missile argue that the low-flying cruise is for retaliatory purposes, since it is much slower than supersonic missiles.

But other students argue that the cruise's extreme accuracy classifies it as a "counterforce" weapon, and must, therefore, be designed for nuclear war-fighting or first strike strategies.

But John Lamb, director of the Canadian Centre for Arms Control and Disarmament in Ottawa, said the debate about the missile's use will change significantly with the new Advanced Cruise Missile or ACM.

In a recent brief, Lamb and other researchers said ACMs will be faster, with improved guidance

systems and longer ranges. Most importantly, they will have radar-evading "stealth technology" designed to make the weapons more difficult to detect and better suited for a surprise attack.

The new cruise was to be deployed by late 1989 or early 1990, but is now a year behind schedule. About 2300 of the weapons will likely be produced. And an even more advanced, supersonic version of the weapon will be deployed in the mid to late 1990s.

The Centre for Arms Control recommended that Canada should "head the advanced cruise off at the pass," and pressed both Washington and Moscow to negotiate limitations on modernizing cruise missiles, particularly their speed.

Without such an agreement, Soviet versions of the advanced cruise will eventually create serious problems for Canadian air defence, said the researchers.

"The prospect of one day facing

(and trying to defend against) a substantial Soviet force of advanced cruise missiles is hardly reassuring," said the brief.

To date, Defence Minister Perrin Beatty has denied that there are any current plans to test the modernized cruise—but officials at the centre say that is not good enough.

"What is needed is a forthright statement by the Secretary of State for External Affairs setting out Canada's position on the modernization of cruise technology," they said. "Where, in short, does the government intend to draw the line on cruise testing?"

The cruise missile can carry warheads with an explosive power 15 times greater than the Hiroshima bomb. Both the NDP and Liberals oppose further cruise tests, especially as the recent Soviet-U.S. agreement to cut intermediate range weapons negated Canada's original reasons for allowing the tests.



New cruise will heat up demonstrations.

Students speak on underfunding

Campuspeak

Over the past school year, there has been much activity concerning the problem of underfunding at McGill university. The SSMU-sponsored General Assembly and the ASUS teach-in both aimed at increasing awareness of underfunding. The *Daily* went to the students to get some feedback on underfunding.

If the government doesn't fund us, Canadian universities will become privatized like US schools and the quality of education will suffer.

Pat Schmidt
U1 Arts

I think the responsibility for university funding lies with the government. They claim they don't have the money to give to students.

But what they neglect to mention is that Québec is the most heavily taxed province. They shouldn't refuse students that money.

Saki Hristoulas
PoliSci U2

The concept of students voting for a voluntary fee increase doesn't make any sense. It removes responsibility for education from the government and the more that happens the more inaccessible education will become.

Lisa Arnault
U2 Management

Students don't really know what's going on with underfunding. But if they did, I think they would be willing to pay more if it would implement good changes.

Jennifer Correa
U2 Humanistic Studies

The responsibility for paying for education lies on both sides. If students want a quality education, they

shouldn't be afraid of the fact that they have to pay for it. But there's responsibility with the provincial government, too. I also thing on of the reasons McGill is underfunded is that it is a symbol of anglophone dominance.

Doug Hodgson
U3 Arts

If the government's not willing to pay then students have to pay. I work to pay for my own tuition. Why can't everyone else?

Mike Krohn
U3 PoliSci

It's mostly the responsibility of the government to fund universities. Education is a service, just like health care.

Daniel Johanis
U1 Concordia

I for one am sick of hearing about students giving in and raising their own fees. That just sends a message to the government that McGill is willing to buy their way out of a problem. Some students here may be able to afford a tuition increase, but I can't.

Martin Gross
U1 Science

It's a tricky issue.

Laurie Ward
U3 Arts

I don't think McGill should voluntarily increase fees if the other universities in Québec don't. Things like that isolate McGill even more than it is now.

Rick Sadum
U3 Arts

I don't know who's responsibility it is, but someone's got to pay.

Stephanie Lal
U1 Science

Education forum fails

Toronto (CUP)—Five months after a much-touted National Forum on Post-Secondary Education, the federal and provincial governments have decided to act. The Department of the Secretary of State of Canada recently issued a press release announcing that more meetings will be held.

Six hundred delegates representing universities, business and government travelled to Saskatchewan last October to take part in the three day \$2.4 million conference, called to help formulate a national blueprint for the future of the country's post-secondary education system.

Students and forum participants had anxiously awaited the February meeting of the Council of Ministers of Education Canada (CMEC), expecting more concrete policies on post-secondary education to be announced.

But according to a February 26 communiqué, the "new commitment" consists of an announcement by CMEC president Roland Penner that the council had formed a committee of the ministers responsible for post-secondary education.

"My biggest disappointment in all of this was the meeting between Crombie and the CMEC," said Tony Macerollo, chair of the Canadian Federation of Students. "They only met with the Secretary of State for a couple of hours."

"That's not enough. Six hundred people spent three days thrashing through some pretty profound issues. Now we can't let them (federal and provincial government officials) skirt the issue."

A unanimous call from the forum was for more provincial and federal cooperation on post secondary education funding.

Opposition critic Bill Rompsky introduced a bill to provide for a Canadian Post-Secondary Educa-

tion Council, but withdrew it when the government would not support the bill but agreed to have a standing committee study the concept.

"At that time it was the Secretary of State Committee's intention to travel across the country to hear interested parties," said Rompsky. "Unfortunately, we recently learned of the Government's decision to deny the committee permission to travel."

"I think this is most regrettable as it will mean that some individuals and groups will not have the opportunity to air their views before us," said Rompsky.

The group, made up of members of the Secretary of State's standing committee, will have to study universities and colleges from Ottawa, said the committee's clerk.

"We will bring the witnesses to Ottawa. I don't see why a lot of the witnesses cannot come to Ottawa. The committee can pay for their travel expenses... All committees proceed that way," said Elizabeth Kingston.

Even though it's grounded, Kingston said the committee will still focus on creating a national advisory board on post-secondary education, similar to those now in place for science and technology and the status of women.

Macerollo said there have been some positive government initiatives since the forum. He listed the formation of a national advisory group on student aid, the recent loosening of work restrictions for foreign students, and increased funding to research and development as concrete outcomes of the forum.

He added that the forum succeeded in raising the profile of post-secondary education.

"More people are talking about it. Our one goal had to be to make post-secondary education a kitchen table topic after dinner."



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electric shocks to his face and genitals.

"They would decide whether or not what I was saying was true. If they thought it wasn't, I had my head submerged in water and electricity was applied to my body," he said.

After being released, Fernandez underwent surgery for spinal injuries and reconstruction of his nose and hands.

In 1978, he and his wife were detained for 22 days in a clandestine prison in Acapulco. After being arrested by the White Brigade, a special branch of the paratrooper brigade in Mexico City, they were taken to the prison, built in the basement of an old government building.

"It is paradoxical that the person I am here defending could have been the one detaining me," Fernandez said.

"I recognize the responsibility of Osorio for what he has done, but I

recognize also that the greater responsibility lies with the Mexican state and that ultimately the responsibility lies with the President of the Mexican republic," he said.

Immigration Appeal Officer Gary Blachford told the judicial board to take Fernandez' testimony "with a grain of salt."

Calling him "extremely politicized," Blachford said "This gentleman quite obviously under no circumstances is going to say that the human rights situation in Mexico is great because of where he is from, in the political spectrum." Blachford placed Fernandez on the "extreme left" of the political spectrum.

"You have to deal with the facts. You can't weigh (Fernandez's testimony) heavily," Blachford told the tribunal in his summation. He said the court should consider only the U.S. State Department Country Report and the Europa Handbook as well as Amnesty International as credible evidence.

letters

Not such a bad notion

To the Daily:

In response to James Jervis (letter, March 14):

Jervis complains that a parody of the pieta in the Gay and Lesbian Issue lacks sensitivity, taste and makes unsubstantiated and disrespectful fun of Christ.

I do not believe that one displays any of the above if one suggests the possibility of Christ being a homosexual. Such a suggestion certainly invites interesting debate.

The possibility of Christ being gay would only be found offensive by a person who finds homosexuality to be offensive in any person, in the same way that suggesting Christ was Black would only offend someone who thought there was something wrong in being Black.

Re: derogatory slurs

Two words that are often hurled in insult that can hurt more than the proverbial sticks and stones are "homo" and "queer."

"Homo" is short for homosexual, while, according to my dictionary, "queer" is defined as "mildly insane; sexually deviate; (or) not quite well." Both of these terms are used by ignorant narrow-minded bigots.

Since usage of these words reflects more on the user than on the intended victim, I would like to suggest a realignment of their meaning. "Homo" would be short for "homophobic," while "queer" would indicate that prejudiced hate-filled individuals are "mildly insane," and "not quite well."

Two wrongs don't make a right, but it would be interesting to see how intolerant heterosexuals would react to being labelled "homos and queers."

Ethan R. Allen

Trivial affairs

To the Daily:

After four years at McGill it never ceases to amaze how upset people get over the most trivial things. The article printed in the March 21 issue of the *Daily* entitled "Broomball boorishness" is a case in point.

Two contentious pieces of graffiti that appear to be the centre of the controversy are "Slam Suzy into me" and "Shear thrust." As a point of information, shear thrust is the name of a broomball team, and has a lot more to do with the concept of momentum interchange on an icy surface than anything else. The sentence "Slam Suzy into me" is so ambiguous that anyone reading

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are being lost, as the guerrillas aim to destroy the country's economic infrastructure and terrorize the population.

"Since 1981 there has been an escalation of armed banditry inside Mozambique," said Dubé. "These forces are supported specifically by the South African regime to disrupt railway lines and transportation routes."

In addition, South Africa has imposed a concerted program of sanctions against Mozambique, whose economy is deeply integrated with that of South Africa.

South Africa's ongoing policy of regional destabilization threatens to undermine attempts at Zimbabwe's social and economic development, in much the same way.

"Notwithstanding political gains, Zimbabwe has not yet gained economic independence," said Dubé. "60 per cent of Zimbabwe's economy is foreign-owned and out of that, 20 per cent is owned by South African companies," he added.

South Africa's policy of destabilization in frontline states has hindered economic progress in Zimbabwe. According to Dubé, "South Africa is constantly disrupting the traffic flow of imports and

exports to and from Zimbabwe" in the regional transport network routed through South African ports.

"Landlocked countries often have to airlift their imports and exports which proves to be very uneconomical. So we are left without an option except to be linked to South Africa," he added.

Namibia continues to be ruled by South Africa, in spite of declarations from both the UN and the international court that South Africa's occupation of Namibia is illegal.

According to Schulman, "Namibia is one of the most exploited regions in the world, and South Africa is not respecting the UN decree which says that the resources of Namibia belong to the Namibians and cannot be extracted without going through the UN," she said. "This has got to come to an end. It's an absolute scandal."

After exhausting the possibilities for peaceful negotiations with South Africa toward an independent Namibia, in 1966 SWAPO launched an armed struggle against the apartheid regime. Since then SWAPO has been at war with South Africa and "has been scoring victories against South African Defense Forces," said Uirab. He added that Pretoria has responded by "introducing laws which allow them to

forcefully conscript Namibian young people into the army."

"In this way South Africa is trying to make the war in Namibia a civil war. South Africa is conscripting the youth of Namibia so that the Namibians could fight each other."

In order to resist South Africa's economic hegemony, the newly independent nations created the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference (SADCC). In large measure, the SADCC is committed to promoting regional economic integration and reducing the economic dependence of these countries on South Africa.

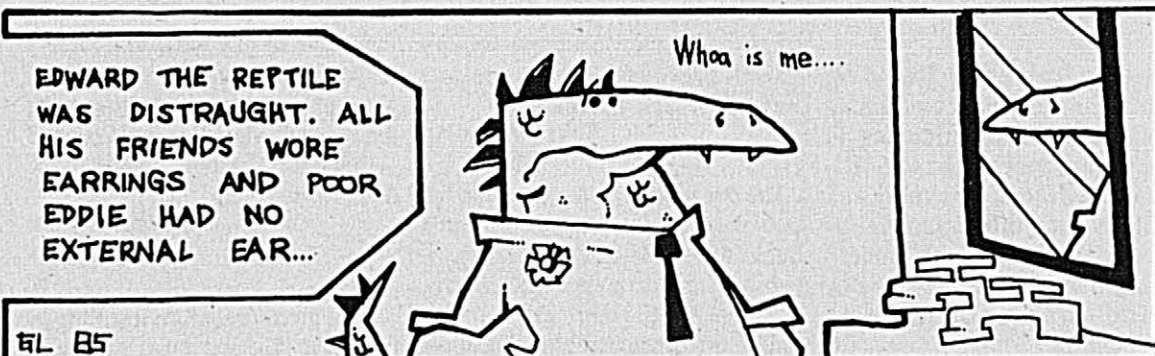
However, according to Mozambican delegate Mario Souto, "some time will be needed to change this situation. If destabilization continues it will take a long time."

Uirab and Imbili called upon Western nations to impose comprehensive and mandatory sanctions against South Africa. Said Imbili, "Often it is said that Blacks will suffer because of sanctions, but really they have nothing to lose."

According to Schulman, "The longer this regime (South Africa) is allowed to exist the worse it is going to get. The sanctions have to be imposed. The liberation movements such as the ANC and SWAPO have to be helped. People have to acknowledge that it is not going to go away on its own."

Mixed Witz

G. Longley



sexism into it is probably trying to read sexism into everything.

I might add that the intelligent and witty spraypainted rebuttal on the boards is not necessarily inoffensive in itself.

If Ms. Singh and M.r Chouinard are really offended by the graffiti, then they should probably lock themselves in the ivory towers of McGill for the rest of their lives. Bleeding hearts can have a hard time surviving outside the Roddick gates.

Steven Lightfoot
Eng. U4

Those who desire to grieve

To the Daily

Regarding Zeb Brown's piece "State of the Union" (*Daily*, March 7); one is always glad to see features which discuss important aspects of university life. But I am very disappointed that the article is so slanted against the non-syndicate option. Zeb Brown's previous enquiries must have rendered him incapable of hearing much of what I said to him for I never "denied that the administration has acted arbitrarily in the past." It clearly has,

and I gave him a copy of our latest newsletter to show some of our current concerns. People can and do provide concrete examples of unfairness, and MAUT finds advisors for all (including members of the MFU) who desire to grieve. Of course no one can guarantee the success of a grievance; but that goes in unionized places too.

I did not "refuse to acknowledge that these cases [three cited in the article] reflect unfairness". Indeed, MAUT is extremely concerned with McGill's retirement policy; and my opinion about the Economics case was not even asked.

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Anti-Zionism without anti-Semitism

One of the world's most prolific anti-Zionist Jews, Dr. Alfred Lilienthal, spoke Wednesday night at Concordia to a mixed audience of about 250 people. Lilienthal condemned Israel for its treatment of the Palestinians and blamed the United States and Canada for their support of the Israeli government.

BY SUSANA BEJAR

Lilienthal, an American, has been a prominent pro-Palestinian activist for the past 40 years. Internationally recognized, he has lectured, written books, essays and articles on the subject, worked as a Middle Eastern advisor for the U.S. army and served as consultant at many international conferences dealing with the issue. He returned recently from a trip to Israel and the occupied territories.

"In 1981 Israel began its campaign to wipe out the Palestinian presence," said Lilienthal, "the goal of Israelis was to obliterate the PLO and with it the Palestinian right of self-determination. This is being made possible through American funding."

The dangers of labelitis

The occupied territories have been increasingly subject to unrest. In response, the State of Israel has closed all universities, deprived Palestinians of access to water and food, violated private homes and beaten innocent civilians, illegally deported activists and engaged in countless other violations of basic human rights.

"All these going-ons are being encouraged by U.S. and to a lesser extent Canadian foreign policies," said Lilienthal. "American policy remains totally out of step with the reality of what was once Palestine."

U.S. military and economic aid to Israel has cost tax-payers billions per year, but according to Lilienthal, the dollar figure doesn't represent the true sacrifice. "The cost of this isn't just monetary," he said. "There is also a price in terms of human rights and lives on both sides, for example the killing of U.S. marines in Beirut," he said.

"Until recently, Americans remained ignorant, although people tried writing and speaking on the subject," he said. "When it comes to the Middle East, the public is very confused."

According to Lilienthal, the media's anti-Palestinian stance perpetuates the problem in the Middle East.

He said the situation has fallen victim to "labelitis" by the media, which applies such labels as 'anti-Semitic', or 'communist', and most recently 'terrorist' to the pro-Palestinian movement.

"The media uses the label 'terrorist'," said Lilienthal. "The media also concealed the fact that the majority of these 'terrorist' acts did not come from the PLO but from individual Palestinians who were fed up."

So far Israeli actions have been portrayed as retaliations against the "horrible atrocities" of the Palestinians, said Lilienthal. But in his trip to the occupied territories two weeks ago, he witnessed unprovoked brutality against the Palestinians and was himself physically harassed by Israeli soldiers.

"The biggest myth going around is that the Arabs in Israel and under Jewish

occupation never had it so good," he said.

"For the first time, the media is now telling the story as it actually is, carrying with it the images of violence and oppression of the last 14 weeks," said Lilienthal, adding, "what has been going on in Gaza has been going on to a lesser degree since the first occupation of the territories twenty years ago."

The historical claim

Lilienthal sees an inherent confusion in people's allegiance to the Zionist movement.

"Zionism, the political movement, is being confused with Judaism, the religion," he said, "Zionism is not Judaism. Judaism is not Zionism, and being anti-Zionist is by no means being anti-Semitic. It is vital that the American public understand this. The substitute of worship for political power is unacceptable."

"I ask the Jews in the world and in this room to reconsider what their relationship to Judaism is, whether it is a relation to god or to a faraway state. If they really prod deeply and overcome the emotionalism of the issue, they will come up with the right answer," he said.

Lilienthal discounted the legitimacy of the historical Jewish claim to the land of Palestine.

"There were twelve tribes in the Original Holy land, 35 centuries ago. Ten disappeared, and one half of those who remained never returned from exile in Babylon," he said. "How can any group of people claim Israel as their homeland? How can they all claim to be descendants

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from this one small group of people? It has been proven, that the majority of Jews today are descended from the Cazaar tribe, which existed seven centuries after the demise of ancient Jerusalem."

According to Lilienthal, the displacement of Palestinian Arabs began at the beginning of the century when Zionists started extensive land purchases as part of their national aspirations. These efforts were interrupted by World War I, and then again

by World War II. But with the persecution of the Jewish people in the holocaust the movement gained new impetus.

But Lilienthal believes discussion of the holocaust is not terribly relevant to the current situation.

"Today you can't discuss the Middle East without bringing up the holocaust. The holocaust was horrible, whether 6 million or 6 hundred or 6 Jews were killed. But it is no reason why today we must constantly look back over our shoulders at this tragedy instead of looking forward to the unrest and problems of our lives today," he said.

Lilienthal accused Israel of taking advantage of its nationhood.

"The Balfour declaration of 1917 which was a Zionism of exclusive statehood, said that the Jewish home was to be made in Palestine, not of Palestine," said Lilienthal.

Israel, which was originally intended to include 53 per cent of Palestine, now encompasses all of it.

"By 1947 66 percent of the region was Arab, 33 percent was Jewish. Only 10 percent of the land was Jewish owned, but the Jewish people had state control."

In 1947 the UN special committee on Palestine proposed the partition of Palestine into Jewish Israel and an Arab state. On May 15 1948 the state of Israel was created. "We have still to see a Palestinian state," said Lilienthal.

"Palestinians must be given the right to self-determination," he said, "We must take forthright action to restore peace and dignity to the people of Palestine."

"The hogwash that the Jewish and Arab people will never be able to get along and have always hated each other is unfounded and does not fit into history. Certainly there have been outbreaks of hostility, but this is not a general rule."

Obstacles to negotiations

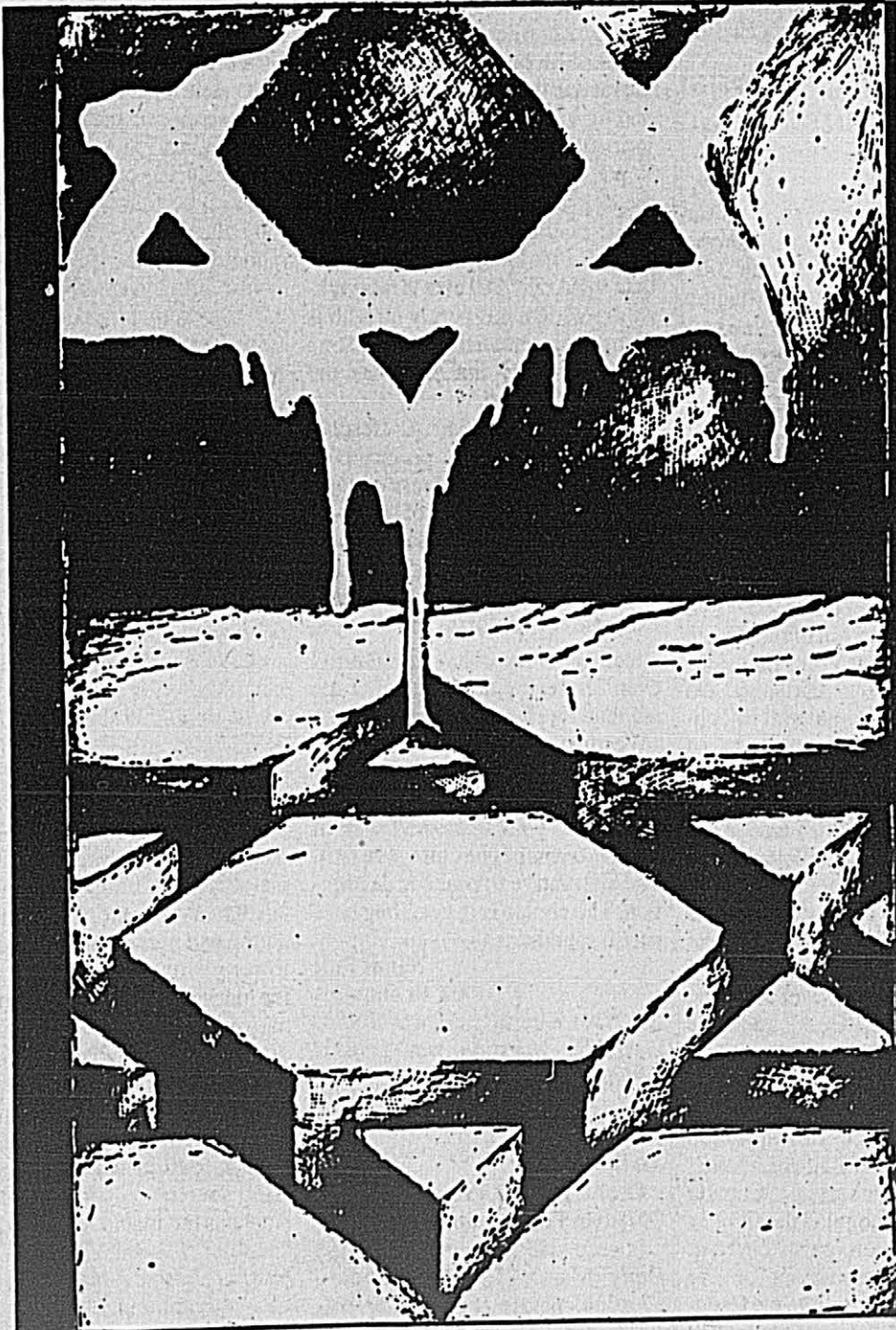
Lilienthal said negotiations are the only solution to the Middle East conflict. The main obstacle to negotiations is that Israel refuses to negotiate with the PLO. Israel does not recognize the PLO as the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and claims that the PLO does not recognize Israel's existence and has not renounced terrorism.

But the most recent polls by CBS and the Jerusalem Post reveal that 92 per cent of Palestinians recognize the PLO as their sole representative, and that this number is growing. Furthermore, the PLO has explicitly rejected terrorism.

"The PLO is prepared to recognize Israel if Israel and the U.S. will recognize the PLO as legitimate representatives of the Palestinian people," said Lilienthal who met, with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat on his recent trip to the Middle East. He added that Palestine has recognized Israel, it is Israel that has failed to recognize Palestine.

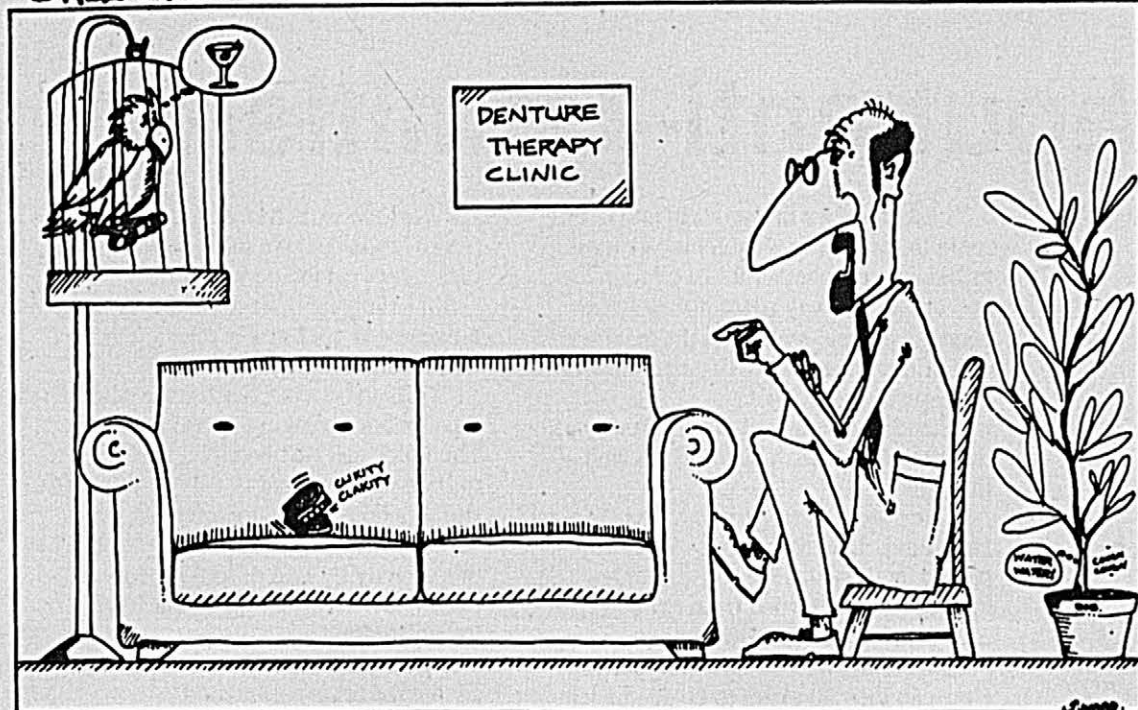
"Golda Meyer said there were no Palestinians," he said.

"If they don't recognize the PLO in the next five years Israel will be signing a death note," said Lilienthal, "90 per cent of Palestinians today are resolved to give their lives to end occupation."



STILL LIFE

BY JEFF WARD



*ZO, WHY DON'T CHU TELL ME ZUMPTINK ABOUT CHOR CHILDHOOD?

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Working relations at McGill are much more three-dimensional than the article begins to suggest. I told Zeb Brown that constant vigilance is necessary for the creation and maintenance of conditions that let us get on with our jobs. For a number of reasons 83 per cent of McGill's full-time teachers and professional librarians prefer MAUT's strategy and approach. To argue that we work in a Utopia would be absurd; but equally absurd is the notion that a collective agreement would save our souls: just look, for example, at recent events at l'Université de Sherbrooke.

C. Abbot Conway
President
McGill Association of
University Teachers (MAUT)

Called 'isolationist anglophones', MAUT responds

To the Daily:

The article "State of the Union" by Zeb Brown (*Daily*, March 7), tries hard to imply that McGill faculty members are not unionized because they are isolationist anglophones, struggling to shut the "great iron doors" against the tide of the French community surrounding them. Do not be misled, gentle readers: that conclusion is false.

McGill faculty members are not unionized for a number of reasons, too many to compress into this space. At the same time, they are highly conscious of McGill's role within Québec society, and contribute to that society at many levels, both individually and collectively, through University programs and policies, and representative bodies such as MAUT. MAUT, for instance, was one of the founding members of FAPUQ, the Fédération des associations de professeurs des universités du Québec, and has participated actively ever since. MAUT enjoys good working relations with other Québec faculty association, unionized and non-unionized, for we share common problems and goals. MAUT's contributions are widely recognized and appreciated by our colleagues. McGill's faculty members not

only look past their open doors to the Québec community but beyond, to the international academic community which knows no doors. We agree with our friend Dennis O'Connor (known to Brown as "Bob") from Concordia's faculty association, and adapt his words to McGill: "We feel McGill belongs to the province of Québec and to Canada and the international scholarly community...we see ourselves as scholars, teachers, and members of the community."

Johanne Hebert
Vice-President External
McGill Association of
University Teachers

Surpassing editorial limits

To the Daily

Okay...once is enough. You surpassed all limits to sound editorial ethics long ago, but March 3rd's "Palestine" was the most flagrant manifestation of partiality you have published to date. Not only did you generalize isolated incidents into Israeli government policy, but you even included an obituary of all the Palestinians who were killed during rioting, and referred to the countless injured. Neglecting for the moment the indisputable reality of death as a natural consequence of revolt, I can't help but wonder why there was no mention of the Israelis who were wounded and slain during the Palestinian uprisings. Do you consider it immaterial in contrast to the "massacre of unarmed...non-belligerent" Palestinians? ("The Second Exodus", March 9.) Why didn't I read about the unarmed, non-belligerent Israelis like the former Montréal who was nearly blinded and lost her unborn baby in the midst of Palestinian riots?

Under the pretense of allotting equal space to the Israeli and PLO viewpoints in "Middle East Dialogue" (March 16), your editorial smoke-screen resulted in massive distortions of fact. In a question posed to Moshe Kimchi, Israeli Consul, you asserted "Canada doesn't even recognize the right of the state of Israel to exist." What a blatant misrepresentation of the truth! Since its inception, the Cana-

dian government has maintained an ongoing policy of strong support of the state of Israel (save Joe Clark's recent blunder). It is incredulous to believe that Kimchi evaded the issue, as your unsophisticated editing implies, for it is too obvious a misstatement to have been overlooked by the Israeli Consul.

It is an emotion-laden issue for far too many people to take the editorial liberty of slanting (or completely omitting) the truth to accommodate your subjective beliefs as to who has the rights to the land. What about the other side of the coin? The Arabs claim the right to be the sole rulers of Palestine as a result of Mohammed's conquest of the land in the seventh century A.D. and by virtue of constituting a majority of the population at the end of WWI. The Jews claim the right to the land by virtue of their conquest in the twelfth century B.C. and by having a majority there far longer than the Arabs. All else is rationalization. It depends purely on who is doing the rationalizing since no one (most certainly not you) has the right to play God.

As noted historian A. Heschel said, "The purpose of politics is to serve the ordered progress of society along the lines of greatest usefulness and convenience to itself." The present situation in the Middle East represents a supreme example of political perversion, which you have have perverted even further by denying Israel the inalienable right to be heard.

We must all ask the nations of the Middle East: Drop your antagonisms and your antipathies, your hatred and your fears, and seek to think in terms of one collective unit. The alternative to peace is destruction. The choice is to get along or to perish together.

Sandi Foti
U2 Economics

Ed. Note Kimchi's answer to that particular question was printed verbatim-no editing.

Soulful comments

To the Daily:

Dear J. Russell, President McGill Christian Fellowship.

In response to your letter to the *Daily* (March 23, 1988) regarding abortion, please consider the fol-

lowing. In your letter you state that "...life is a gift from God which begins at the moment of conception. Every individual has his or her unique genome (genetic sequence) from conception onwards... He or she is a distinct and unique human individual. Life is not an accidental conglomeration of matter... When a woman is given the right to have an abortion, another member of our species is denied the right to exist." (emphasis added).

Are two people distinct individuals just because their genetic sequence is different (as you seemed to imply)? Aren't identical twins distinct? Isn't the difference that (at least I believe) exists between identical twins because of something other than genetic sequence? Don't Christians believe in the existence of the soul? Shouldn't a major question in the abortion debate be whether of not human life begins when the soul 'enters the body' or when the soul is created—rather than whether or not a zygote is genetically unique? Two identical twins aren't genetically unique—but don't they have unique souls? I put little 'faith' in your belief that humanity necessarily begins at conception. I sincerely believe in your right to believe that life begins at conception—but please understand that other people do not share in your belief.

As for your claim that you are not "sitting in judgement"—by implying that abortion is a sin, you've already judged. Perhaps your judgement does not affect anything in the great scheme of things, yet it's a judgement nonetheless. You also state that Canada should stop "the economic pressures that erroneously leads a woman to feel that taking the life of her unborn child is her only solution." I would suggest an alternative—perhaps Canada should solve these social and economic problems before even considering denying abortions to that Canadian women won't feel the necessity of do-it-yourself-and-maybe-die techniques of abortion.

C. Chirolas
U2F Arts

Israel instigates and perpetuates violence

To the Daily:

The ritual incantations in support of Israel by the like of Lorne Beiles and Jay Eidelman have been harangued so systematically that they are beginning to show signs of old age.

The inviolable dogma which they parade is that Israel has been an impotent victim of terrorism, of military action, and of sadistic Palestinian attacks. To suggest that Israel has had a substantial role in instigating and perpetuating violence is to receive the wrath deserved for the indecent and immoral. An alternative version of events is only discussed, to use Noam Chomsky's term, outside of "official history."

To maintain such doctrines of faith, it has been necessary to avoid, with an appalling degree of success, vital sources of documentation. How has the mainstream academic community been able to ignore Moshe Sharett's diary? Or why have the captured Egyptian docu-

ments (published in Israel in 1975) been ignored?

Because they are irrefutable indictments against the dominant mythology of an oasis of democracy besieged by forces of evil. I am grateful that the *Daily* has had the courage to introduce a chronology of events outside of the "official history." The revolt in the occupied territories cannot, as Lorne Beiles so perceptively states, "be seen in a vacuum, but must be seen in the greater context of the Arab-Israeli conflict." And this context was summed up by Heath and Gagnon—the expulsion of the majority of the Palestinians from their homeland when the State of Israel was created in 1948.

Christian Meyer
U2 Arts

Someone cares

To the Daily:

Re: G. Richards' letter on Wednesday, March 23.

It was quite ironic to read "who cares?" from the same person who accuses the Women's Special Issues' views of being immature.

Is it possible that you—G. Richards—have failed to see the point of the articles and the importance that these play? For me in particular, the Women's Movement represents the growing awareness—by both men and women—that women have been, and still are for that matter, repressed by a patriarchal society; much in the same manner that an ethnic group or race might be discriminated against by the dominant group at that time.

I do not believe that the Women's Movement is simply represented by the act of burning bras by a bunch of paranoid women. I think it is rather a conscientious and deeply desired cry for freedom from unfairness.

In conclusion, it has long been held that an education—not necessarily the specialization in a field in which one hopes to work—is a learning experience where one is permitted to approach different matters with new and broader perspectives. As such, I hope that both you and I will achieve this in our years at McGill.

P. Bolanos
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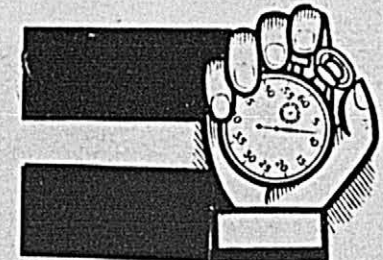
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